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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

1. REQUEST ADDRESSEES FORWARD FOLLOWING FORMAL INVITATION
TO ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING TO RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY (DEPARTMENT) OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM IT THAT THE
UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ANZUS
COUNCIL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON JUNE 7-8, 1978.

THE UNITED STATES PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE ANZUS
ALLIANCE AND IN THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY ANZUS COUNCIL
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MEETINGS FOR HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE THREE
PARTNERS. IT IS CONFIDENT THAT THE FRIENDLY AND VALUABLE
EXCHANGES THAT HAVE CHARACTERIZED PAST COUNCIL MEETINGS
WILL BE CONTINUED AND EXPANDED IN THE NEXT MEETING.

THE EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE MINISTRY'S (DEPT)
RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL AND TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO

RENEW TO THE MINISTRY (DEPARTMENT) THE ASSURANCES OF ITS
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. FYI. ANZUS COUNCIL AGENDA IS BEING DRAFTED AND
WILL BE FORWARDED TO CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON SHORTLY.
DEPARTMENT IS ALSO DRAFTING PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING
COUNCIL MEETING. WE WILL COORDINATE ISSUANCE WITH GOA
AND GNZ AS SOON AS FORMAL REPLIES TO ABOVE INVITATION
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. END FYI.
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